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CHART WAS WRONG.

Navigator Lyman, of the Kearsarge Startles the Court.

He Declares that Roncador Reef Is Out of Its Mapped Position.

Says an Error Was Made in the Charting of Longitude.

Additional interest was lent to the proceedings to-day of the Court of Inquiry, which is investigating the loss of the United States corvette Kearsarge, on Roncador Reef, by the fact that

Lieut. Charles H. Lyman was to take the stand.

Lieut. Lyman was the Kearsarge's navigator, and it was upon his calculations on that fatal February day that Commander Heyerman depended for his latitude and longitude.

It was expected that Lieut. Lyman would have some little difficulty in explaining why he was nearly seven miles out of his course at the time the grand old corvette ran head-on into the white water which marked the location of the treacherous reef.

The court assembled at 10:30 o'clock, and Admiral Gherardi called for order a few minutes later. Rear Admiral Lyman and Commander Heyerman, whose testimony was taken yesterday, were both present to listen to the reading of the record of the previous day's proceedings, which, in accordance with the rules governing Naval Courts of Inquiry, was undertaken by the Judge-Advocate.

It took Judge-Advocate Kelley an hour and a half to read the testimony taken yesterday. Commander Heyerman was then recalled to the stand.

He was asked what had become of the other code book. He said that one of the six men took it ashore and that it was expressed on to the Navy Department at Washington.

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Lieut. Lyman declared that at the time of the noon observation the latitude, as reported by him to the commanding officer, was 13 degrees 45 minutes, or seven miles to the northward to the position as shown by dead reckoning.

The calculations were gone over a second time and were found to be correct.

"Our course," said the navigator, "of west-southwest three-quarters west would, if continued, have carried us at least three miles to the north of the reef, allowing for the one and one-half knot current."

To his interrogative from the Judge-Advocate, Lieut. Lyman said that Commander Heyerman had never interfered with the navigator in the matter of navigating the ship.

"Why did you wait until you were within six miles of the reef before you changed your course?"

"By our running we determined that we could not get by the reef without a ward owing to the strong set of the current."

Lieut. Lyman said that at the rate the Kearsarge was running at noon Roncador Reef should have been sighted about 6 o'clock. He declared that he was cautioned some of the officers that they were in a dangerous locality.

"At the time of the reef where did you suppose you were?"

"About five or six miles to the north of Roncador Reef."

"When did you take an observation after 6 o'clock?"

"I took an observation by Sirius. This was twenty minutes before we struck. I found the latitude 13 degrees 35 minutes north, two miles north of the reef, and longitude 8 degrees 5 minutes west, on the exact longitude of the reef. I had time then, between the observation and the shock of striking the rocks to make the calculation, to the northward and westward of the reef."

"Yes, sir."

"To what do you attribute the loss of the Kearsarge?"

"To several causes. First, to the absence of currents which, from the chart, we had reason to expect, to the improper charting of the longitude of Roncador Reef, and lastly to the sudden change of current. I am sure that Roncador Reef is 4 miles at least out of the longitude as set down on the charts. This based on the observation taken yesterday, 20 minutes before we struck the reef."

Lieut. Lyman explained that he had observed that a strong wind from the northward and eastward blowing for ten hours would, when it slackened, be followed by a change of current to the southward and eastward.

Did Commander Heyerman disagree with you?"

"No, sir; he did not."

In answer to a question by Commander Miller, Lieut. Lyman said that at 6:30 he advised that the course be changed three-quarters of a point to the northward and eastward, and that Admiral Gherardi then took a hand in the examination.

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GLADSTONE'S EXIT.

Liberal Papers Insist that Home Rule Will Survive It.

While The Times Says It Will Lead to Dropping That Issue.

Physical Inability Alone Will Cause the Premier's Retirement.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 28.—In connection with the story of Mr. Gladstone's coming retirement, it is stated that the venerable Premier is understood to have made a proposal to his colleagues to revive the Home Rule question in the shape of a resolution pledging the House of Commons to deal with Home Rule for Ireland at the following session of Parliament.

This proposal is said not to have found favor with the Cabinet Ministers.

The Independent, of Dublin, accepts the reports of Mr. Gladstone's retirement as meaning that the movement in favor of Home Rule will be dropped.

The Freeman's Journal party will continue to insist that the settlement of the Irish question is to be the controlling factor of whatever Ministry governs.

The Chronicle says that the retirement of Mr. Gladstone is imminent. It is almost an open secret that his eyesight is no longer equal to even the least important duties of a political leader.

All stories of dissension or disappointment at legislation being balked may be dismissed as wholly uninteresting to the public. When Mr. Gladstone resigns the wand it will be because his hand can no longer wield it, and for no other reason whatever. The paper says it is probable that no decision has yet been reached as to the moment of his resignation.

It is announced that Mr. Sexton, M. P. for Kerry, has already taken steps to obtain pledges with regard to Home Rule, in the event of Lord Rosebery or the Earl of Spencer becoming Premier.

The Standard believes it is a fact that Mr. Gladstone's eyesight is growing much worse, and that a resignation will be necessary. Recognizing this fact, Mr. Gladstone informed his colleagues that his early retirement was inevitable, but he hoped that it would be only temporary. He told them that he would resume the Premiership should his eyes become strong enough to warrant it.

The Times thinks that the denial of Mr. Gladstone's actual resignation may be accepted without question, by those unable to adopt the inference that the alarm in the Radical camp was altogether causeless, and it can hardly be doubted that a semi-official denial signifies a postponement of the crisis.

Lord Rosebery's leadership would be far more satisfactory to the country generally than that of any other Gladstonian.

The Times declares that whatever is done about the leadership, it is certain that Home Rule will be dropped, and that neither Lord Rosebery nor Sir William Vernon Harcourt is likely to revive it.

The Times adds: "However they may differ upon other points, they know perfectly well that the British public is sick of paying blackmail to criminal aspirants."

In spite of the cold Mr. Gladstone drove from his official residence to Buckingham Palace, in an open phaeton, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Upon arriving at the palace Mr. Gladstone was immediately admitted to the presence of the Queen.

It is freely stated that it is believed that Mr. Gladstone has gone to the Palace in order to officially tender his resignation to Her Majesty.

After Mr. Gladstone's return from Buckingham Palace to Downing street the Associated Press correspondent called at the Premier's residence, and was received by Mr. Littleton, the Secretary.

Mr. Littleton said that Mr. Gladstone had not resigned, and later added that the situation of affairs was the same as when the Harcourt despatch was sent, after the first report of Mr. Gladstone's impending retirement.

MONEY-FINDERS DISCHARGED.

The six lamp-finders who were charged with taking a package containing over \$1,000, which they found in a Third Avenue "L" car, at the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street station, were discharged this afternoon in the Harlem Police Court.

Death of a Bank President.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 28.—Col. W. W. Jennings, President of the Commonwealth Guarantee State Deposit and Trust Company, and of the First National Bank of this city, died suddenly at noon to-day.

Weather Forecast.

The weather forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. to-morrow is as follows: Cloudy and foggy, with occasional rain; warmer, easterly to northeasterly winds.

There is no such name as that given above in the New York City Directory.

RIO'S STATE OF SIEGE ENDS.

Elections Fixed for Thursday—Report from Pelotato's Fleet.

(By Associated Press.)

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 28.—The state of siege at Rio has been raised.

A despatch from Rio Janeiro says it is reported that the Government dynamite cruiser Nictheroy, coming from Bahia, has landed 500 men at Cabo Frio, seven miles north of Rio Janeiro.

Other vessels of Pelotato's fleet are on their way south, and important developments are expected at any time.

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Redeemed by Gold.

Three thousand persons at the White Plains Reformatory.

QUORUM FOR BLAND.

He Beats the Filibusters After Two Weeks of Fighting.

Gets the Previous Question Carried by a Vote of 177 to 7.

Rule for Silver Seigniorage Coinage Bill at Once Reported.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The deadlock in the House was broken this afternoon and a quorum secured on the Bland Seigniorage bill proposition after two weeks of filibustering. The demand for the previous question on Mr. Bland's motion was sustained 177 to 7. Loud cheers greeted the announcement.

Mr. Tracy, of New York, immediately moved to reconsider the vote by which the demand was sustained, but the motion was lost.

A quorum having been secured, Mr. Outwater, from the Committee on Rules, reported a special order to discharge the Committee of the Whole from further consideration of the pending bill (the Seigniorage bill), and providing that after two hours' consideration in the House, the previous question should be considered as ordered on the bill, and pending amendments, no intervening motions to be in order.

NEWS OF THE PRESIDENT.

He Is Said to Have Gone for the Ducks of Currituck Sound.

(By Associated Press.)

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 28.—News received here from the Presidential party is to the effect that the fame of Currituck Sound as a ducking ground has caused the President to make direct for those waters, which are said to be alive with duck at this time. The Violet passed through the harbor here yesterday morning and is expected to arrive at the last landing of the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal, twenty-two miles from Norfolk.

The Senate and Hawaii.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—In the Senate this morning Mr. Voorhees (Ind.) offered a resolution appointing Senator Mills to the Finance Committee in place of Senator Vance.

Mr. Voorhees' motion was carried by a vote of 19 to 10. The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow.

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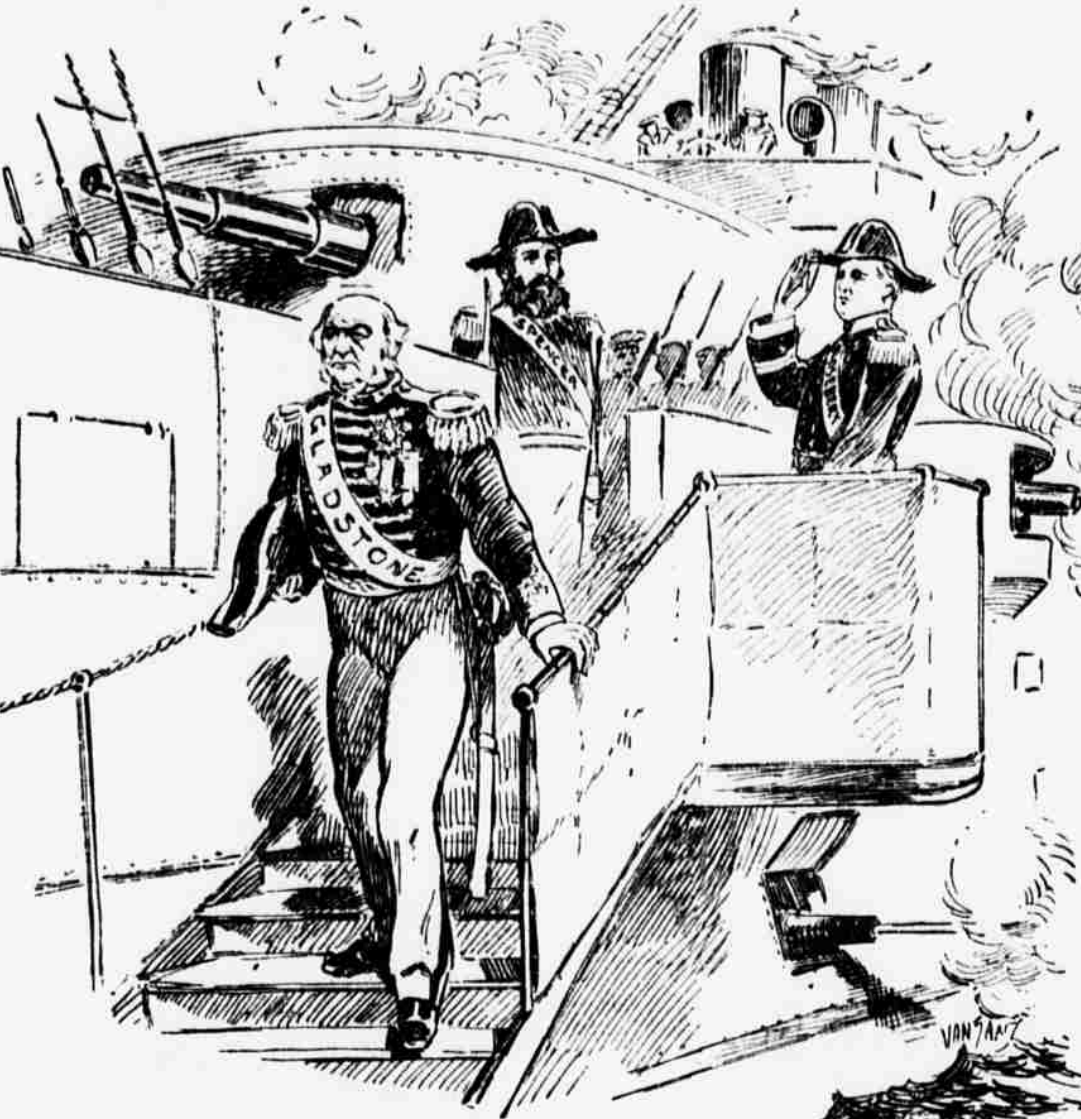
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WILL THE GRAND OLD ADMIRAL RETIRE?



And if he does, is there a Grand Young Admiral for the Liberal ship?

HAMMERING AT THE TARIFF. LOCAL BILLS AT ALBANY. SAYS SHE ISN'T MRS. ROOMAN

Senate Democratic Caucus May Important Measures Reported Favorably to the Legislature. Mrs. Miller Answers Questions Regarding Her Identity.

Refused to Do So Previously When Asked by Lawyer Moss.

(By Associated Press.)

ALBANY, Feb. 28.—These bills were reported favorably in the Assembly to-day: Mr. Wray's, repealing the act to prevent the deposit of cotton, flax and dead animals in the North and East Rivers, in the Bay of New York or Raritan Bay, within the jurisdiction of the State of New York.

Mr. Alenworth's, securing for witnesses testifying before the Special Committee of the Senate, appointed by resolution Jan. 20, 1901, immunity from indictment and punishment. This is the New York police investigation measure.

Mr. Sheffield's, making pawnbrokers' license fee \$250 and allowing them to charge 1-1/2 per cent, instead of 2 per cent, at present law.

In both Houses the Riverside Park Improvement bill was reported favorably. In the Senate Mr. Owen's bill allowing Brooklyn to expend \$200,000 each year for schools for the next four years came out with a favorable report.

Senator Bradley's bill providing for the appointment of three Brooklyn Bridge trustees by the Mayor of New York of two trustees by the Board of Education, and of one trustee by the Board of Aldermen, was also reported favorably.

Senator Guy's bill to provide for a new Court House and Park Commissioners' house at Crotona Park, at an expense of \$200,000.

In the Assembly Mr. Martin introduced a bill providing that the Board of Coroner's in New York City may appoint two extra Coroner's physicians at salaries equal to those of the present physicians, and that there may also be appointed a subordinate server at a salary of \$1,000 per annum. Given testimony in cases of violent death is given to the Coroner within forty-eight hours of such evidence and testimony as have been taken.

As to New York Park Labor Tickets.

ALBANY, Feb. 28.—In the Assembly this morning, Hamilton Fish, rising to a question of privilege, referred to a statement made by Mr. Roche yesterday that the New York Park Department had issued tickets for laborers to various labor unions in the city of New York, and read a letter from James A. Archibald, President of the New York Central Labor Union, stating that any ticket issued to a laborer for a place of men dealing work on the park improvements.

The Sundry Saloon Question.

ALBANY, Feb. 28.—In the Assembly to-day a bill was introduced by Mr. Butts allowing the submission to the people of New York City of the question of allowing the saloons to be opened on Sunday between the hours of 1 and 12 P. M.

The Ballot Reform Bills.

ALBANY, Feb. 28.—The Sheffield and Solter ballot reform bills were to-day, in the Assembly, made a special order for next Wednesday.

An Albany Bill Signed.

ALBANY, Feb. 28.—Gov. Flower has signed the bill to amend the law relating to the election of judges in time for the Spring sessions for May.

To Annex Gravesend to Brooklyn.

ALBANY, Feb. 28.—State Senator Brooklyn Bridge and Kings County Board of Charities and Correction.

For More Investigation.

ALBANY, Feb. 28.—Senator Owen has introduced resolutions for the appointment of a committee of five of the Senate to investigate the trustees of the Brooklyn Bridge and Kings County Board of Charities and Correction.

Still Trying for McKane.

Application for a Stay at Little Falls To-Day.

LITTLE FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 28.—John W. McKane's lawyers were here and will probably apply to Judge Hardin for a stay in his behalf.

MADISON RESULTS.

Boutonniere Gets the First Race.

Irregular the Second.

RACE TRACK, MADISON, Ill., Feb. 28.—Following are the results of the races at this track to-day:

First Race—Four and one-half furlongs. Won by Boutonniere, 5 to 2 and 3 to 1. Time, 1:12 1/2.

Second Race—Four and one-half furlongs. Won by Irregular, 5 to 1 and 2 to 1. Time, 1:12 1/